



The Municipal EcoLink

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The Municipal EcoLink is a monthly e-bulletin designed to inform you of the latest environmental ideas, trends, grants, rules and more from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). We respectfully request that the following is electronically distributed or otherwise made available to your municipal committees, councils and boards. Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well. You may read past issues at [The Municipal EcoLink](#)

Coastal Oil Spill Response 101 Open House—May 31

Learn how the oil industry, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and federal partners work to protect the environment and respond to an oil spill in Great Bay. Check out the oil spill response equipment on display. For more information go to: <http://xml2.des.state.nh.us/blogs/watershed/>

Stormwater and Nonpoint Source Project Funding Available to Municipalities!

The NHDES is soliciting pre-applications from municipalities for stormwater and nonpoint source (NPS) projects under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). While this program has traditionally provided funds for wastewater treatment, this is the second year New Hampshire has set aside \$2,000,000 for *stormwater* and *nonpoint source projects*.

To apply, complete the simple "CWSRF 2014 Pre-Application:"

http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/documents/srf_preapp.doc and check out the Stormwater and NPS Ranking Criteria:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/documents/nonpointsource-criteria.pdf> CWSRF pre-applications must be signed by the applicant and can be scanned and submitted via email to Dan Fenno: daniel.fenno@des.nh.gov. **Pre-applications are due by 4:00 pm on June 27, 2014.**

For more information: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/grants.htm>

For questions contact Eric Williams: eric.williams@des.nh.gov or 603-271-2358.

Water, Weather, Climate and Community – Workshop 8: Increasing Flood Resilience in Your Community—June 12

Join municipal officials, volunteers and neighbors in this workshop on June 12 from 5-8:30pm hosted by the Coastal Adaptation Workgroup and the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning's Floodplain Management Program. The workshop will be held at the [Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center at the Great Bay Discovery Center](#) in Greenland, N.H. The workshop is **FREE**, but space is limited. A light dinner will be provided. [Click here to register](#). Please register by June 9. See [workshop flyer](#) for more info.

Do You Know Where Your Junk Car Goes? Brochures and Posters

The NH Green Yards Program has Brochures and Posters available for municipalities, libraries, schools and local businesses. With the Junkyard License to Operate renewal period coming up, this is the perfect time for towns to also let their residents know that there is an environmentally mindful place for their End-of-Life Vehicles to go. Contact Tara Mae Albert at (603) 271-2938 or Tara.Albert@des.nh.gov for information on how to get brochures and posters. For more information on the NH Green Yards Program, contact Tara or go to <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swmb/tsei/greenyards/index.htm>.

Criminal Background Checks are now required for Youth Skills Camp Personnel

New legislation became effective in January of this year establishing the NHDES as overseer of a new program to track and require criminal background checks for select staff at youth skill camps. This program is not a licensing program; it requires criminal background checks to be conducted for all personnel who may be left alone with children. The camp owner must obtain these checks and submit certification of completion to NHDES with a \$25 fee on a yearly basis (the fee is not required for political subdivisions).

New rules are currently being adopted which define "youth skill camp" as a non-profit or for-profit program with a specific curriculum that has been developed to impart a specific skill to minors. It is taught by one or more knowledgeable and experienced instructors and includes the teaching of sports, the arts, and scientific inquiry. For more information visit; <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/youth-skills/index.htm>

Solid Waste Operator Workshops held on the second Friday of each month.

These workshops satisfy the requirement for continuing education to renew certification. For a complete list, go to: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/workshop.htm>.

Registration Opens for Free Fleet Manager Workshop.

The third biennial Green Your Fleet! is scheduled for June 6 at Lakes Region Community College, Laconia. This free all-day workshop features the latest in petroleum reduction strategies including alternative fuels, vehicles, idle reduction and reducing miles traveled. Fleet managers from throughout the region will discuss their experiences with petroleum reduction, providing tips and best practices. The event offers a large vehicle display, vendor tables, lunch and workshop breakout sessions. Register today!

<http://www.granitestatecleancities.nh.gov/calendar/2014/documents/green-your-fleet.pdf>

Dartmouth Survey Will Help Private Well Owners Protect Their Health

Naturally occurring contaminants such as arsenic and radon are widespread in the groundwater that supplies private wells, which serve over 40 percent of the state's population. With support from the national Centers for Disease Control and NHDES, Dartmouth College is conducting a survey of private well owners to improve understanding of their decision-making behavior with respect to testing and treating water from their wells. Dartmouth is contacting town officials, asking them to help spread the word about the survey. DES urges all private well owners to participate in the survey, which will help inform efforts to make well testing and treatment easier for N.H. residents. To take the survey, go to: www.surveymonkey.com/s/nhwellsurvey by June 30.

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